LIGHT-HOUSES AT WOLF TRAP, VA., AND SOLOMONS LUMP, MD.

LETTER

FROM

THE ACTING SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

RELATING TO

The appropriation for replacing the light-houses at Wolf Trap, Va., and Solomons Lump, Md.

SEPTEMBER 9, 1893.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,

Washington, August 28, 1893.

SIR: When the items for replacing the light-houses at Wolf Trap, Va., and at Solomons Lump, Md., were placed in the sundry civil appropriation bill, approved March 3, 1893, giving \$70,000 for the former and \$30,000 for the latter, the Light-House Board had not been able, on account of ice and bad weather, to have such examination of the localities made as was necessary to the thorough understanding of the condition of the structure at the sites in question.

Further knowledge shows that the appropriation for the light at Solomons Lump is too small. The bids received for doing the work at Wolf Trap light-station show that there will be a balance left over from the appropriation after that work is finished. This balance, if made available for use at Solomons Lump light-station, will enable the Light-House Board to erect a solid and substantial structure at that point. If that is done, no additional funds will be needed to complete Solomons Lump light-station.

I have the honor to recommend, at the instance of the Light-House Board, that such legislation may be had as is necessary to enable the Light House Board to use the balance of the \$70,000 appropriated for the establishment of a light-house at Wolf Trap Shoal, Va., to enable it to finish the light-house to be established at Solomons Lump, Md., and that it may be made available at the earliest practicable moment.

Respectfully yours,

C. S. Hamlin, Acting Secretary.

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

